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IMPROVED METHOD OF APPLYING COLORS TO WOOD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD KNABESCHUCH, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Coloring and Polishing Wood; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to fully understand and make use of the same.

The present invention relates to the mode by which colors are applied to wood, whereby a beautiful polish and finish is given thereto; and it consists in taking any of the ordinary colors, such as red, blue, and yellow, and, with a piece of cotton-batting or other suitable pad, applying in a powdered state such one of them as is desired to the surface of the wood, using therewith a solution of alcohol and shellac, the proportion of alcohol being sufficient to dissolve the shellac, and rubbing the color into the grain of the wood, the rubbing operation serving to impart a polish and finish thereto, and the alcohol and shellac "setting" the color.

Any amount of coloring material may be thus applied, and by combining or mixing two or more different colors together, in a powdered state, an innumerable variety of colors may be produced, or the color may be produced upon the wood by first applying one and then another, and so on, of the several colors to be used, as is evident without further explanation.

I do not intend to limit myself to the use of any one particular color, or combinations of colors, as it is obvious this will admit of innumerable variations.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

Applying colors to wood, substantially in the manner described and for the purposes specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me.

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